

# Memo

**To:** File - City Utilities - Water Dept., 1321 W. Calhoun.  
**From:** Gene Pabst  
**Date:** May 28, 1999  
**Subject:** Diesel Fuel Spill.

I received a call from Dave Fraley, City Utilities, stating that night before last one of their trucks had a leaky valve on a saddle tank and had lost some diesel fuel on their lot. He said that some of the fuel was absorbed with oil dry, but some had entered the storm box on their property. Dave stated that they were in the process of cleaning out the storm sewer. Apparently they have underground storm water detention and the material that entered the storm sewer was trapped in the detention area. He stated that most of the fuel that entered the storm sewer was absorbed in the dirt that had settled to the bottom of the storm sewer. He said that they could clean up all of the fuel by cleaning out the settled material in the storm water detention area. He thought that they had approximately 5-10 gallons enter the storm box. Nothing left their property.

1321 W. Calhoun

# MEMORANDUM

**To:** Gene Pabst, Pretreatment Inspector  
**From:** Randy Lyman, Pretreatment Coordinator  
**Date:** 12/08/97-1:30 p.m.  
**Subject:** C.U. Oil Spill-Calhoun & Newton Facility  
**CC:** Jim Fry, Health-Todd Wagner, Engineering-Ed Malter, San. Serv.-Bob Schaefer, P.W. Adm.

Dave Fraley, Environmental Compliance Director of City Utilities, indicated that they had Rex Smith Co. loading some removed diesel fuel tanks this morning and about 25 gallons was lost and a small amount of the spill went down a storm drain that used to be in the city street that is now a vacated street that goes through their property. Mr. Fraley thought that we should know about the spill. He indicated that they had not reported the spill because it was below the reportable quantity of 50 gallons. He did say the City could report the spill if necessary, but he would like to know if the City did report the spill, and to which agencies. I told Mr. Fraley that we would look at the discharge to the storm sewer even though we are only responsible for the sanitary sewer system. The storm sewer system drainage ultimately flow through our property here at 1216 W. Nichols St. As directed, I will forward a copy of this memo to Public Works, Engineering and to the Health Department, Environmental for any further action.

## Addendum to Memo: 2:40 p.m. 12/08/97

Gene Pabst inspected the spill and its impact on the storm sewer. He said he could see a rainbow in the storm sewer south and west of the C.U. property, at Nichols St., and in Sanford Creek at Phelps St. Down at the Phelps St. location. Mr. Pabst said the oil was being skimmed off by trash etc. in Sanford Creek and the rainbow effect was becoming more concentrated and turning into a blackish-brown material. Mr. Pabst said that if it were a City of Springfield owned facility responsible for the spill, that we would recommend placing booms and absorbents to clean up the spill. I called Dave Fraley at 8778 to inform him of Mr. Pabst's findings and recommendation. Ms. Carol Murphy answered the phone and said she would have Mr. Fraley return my call as soon as possible.

Ted Salveter of C.U.(8848) called me back just before 5:00 p.m. and I explained Mr. Pabst's findings and suggested that a boom placed at the mouth of Sanford Creek might be of benefit to preclude discharge of the diesel fuel into Jordan Creek. Mr. Salveter said he was going to check that out this evening and see what more can be done in daylight tomorrow.

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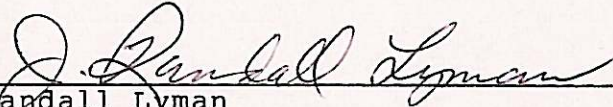
DATE: July 2, 1991

DEPT.: Misc. Spill Investigations  
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RE: Gasoline odor in storm sewer

Location: 1321 W. Calhoun  
City Utilities  
Gas and Water Operations

Dave Fraley called Southwest Treatment Plant at 4:10 p.m. to report gasoline odor in building and storm sewer. I responded at 4:30 p.m. No LELS could be found in sanitary or storm sewers. One pint to one quart of gasoline may have been spilled to loading dock earlier in day. C.U. plans show janitor's closet drain to storm sewer. No contamination was found upstream in storm sewer east and north to Division.

  
J. Randall Lyman  
Sewer Surveillance and Billing Supervisor  
Surveillance, Enforcement and Billing

JRL/jb

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